

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report

Supervisor 2

Minerals Regulatory Program
Date of Report: April 11, 2007

Mine Name: Kimball Draw/San Rafael	Permit number: S0150075
Operator Name: U. S. Gypsum	Inspection Date: April 11, 2007

Time: 2:20-2:35 PM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker Other Participants: None

Mine Status: Inactive Weather: Mostly cloudy, 40s

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	\boxtimes		
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)			
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
4. Deleterious Material			
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
6. Concurrent Reclamation			
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)			
8. Water Impoundments			
9. Soils			
10. Revegetation	\boxtimes		
11. Air Quality			
12. Other	\boxtimes		

Purpose of Inspection:

I had not been to this site in about four years and wanted to re-look at it from the standpoint of reclamation. The operator has indicated the site will be reclaimed this fall.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds

On December 19, 2006, the Division received a reclamation contract and a reclamation surety from the operator, and the Division asked for company authority documents by letter dated December 20, 2006. The Division received a new signature page for the reclamation contract on April 8, 2007, but this has not yet been signed by the Division director, primarily because the Division does not yet have concurrence from the BLM on the surety amount.

On December 7, 2006, the Division received a revised Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, and the Division responded with a deficiency letter on January 25, 2007. The operator responded on March 28, 2007, and the Division has yet to review this response.

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12. Other

The site consists of a slot with a road beside it. Desirable perennial vegetation has become established on most of the disturbed area.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Division and the BLM need to decide exactly what reclamation work should be done at this site. My recommendation is that grading be kept to a minimum to avoid disturbing the vegetation that has become established. The road needs to be closed, and it might be best to pull down the banks uphill from the road. There is one place in the trench that should be smoothed out (just to the left of center in Photo 1), but otherwise I think it would be best to leave the site as it is.

Inspector's Signature

Date: 4 16 07

Directions to Site:

The report for the previous inspection gives good directions to the site except that you take exit 108 from I-70. It is difficult to see the mine from the road. Going up the draw, it is on the right side of the road.

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Joe Crawford, U. S. Gypsum Rebecca Doolittle, Price BLM GPS map and Photos

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ATTACHMENT Photographs

S0150075, San Rafael/Kimball Draw Quarry, U. S. Gypsum Inspection Dated: April 11, 2007;Report Dated: April 11, 2007



Photo 1. This shows essentially the entire site with the slot on the left and road on the right.



Photo 2. This is a small excavation to the side of the main trench.



Photo 3. This and Photo 4 are views of the road. Note the perennial vegetation and the lack of weeds.



Photo 4. I believe it might be best to pull down the bank shown on the right side of this picture.

